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- 25X1 1. On 3 July 1951, a convoy of more than 20 trucks, 4 amphibious cars and 2 field kitchens left the Hindenburg Kaserne in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) toward Tangermünde (M 53/Y 84). Fifteen of the trucks were occupied by about 350 troops who wore black-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets, while 5 other trucks were loaded with furniture and billeting equipment. 25X1
25X1 2. The same day, six trucks were loaded with pontoons at the ration supply depot near the eastern railroad station. The loading work was done by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. The trucks subsequently left toward the city. 25X1
25X1 3. A large-scale officers' conference, in which two generals with tank insignia participated, was held in the former girls' high school on 6 July. 25X1
25X1 4. On 22 June, about 1,000 troops with infantry weapons and AT guns of all barracks installations in Stendal were engaged in a large-scale firing practice in the Arnim (M 53/Y 85) training area, with the exercise extending along a stretch of 5 to 6 km. Trucks seen driving to the training area 25X1
25X1 (1) Comments. the units which apparently departed for an engineer exercise were components of both the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps and the 207th Itz Rifle Div.

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(2) [redacted] the unidentified engineer regiment of the COFC from Potsdam, which has been carried in the Bernburg area since the middle of July 1951 and may have picked up equipment at Stendal. [redacted]

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[redacted] The storage of engineer equipment in the ration supply depot has been known since the beginning of 1950. [redacted]

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(3) [redacted] the conference was attended by officers of the Third Shock Army, including the army's headquarters units, corps and divisions. The girls' high school is located on Karl Liebknecht Strasse and is also known under the designation of Pestalozzi Schule or officers' mess and club.

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(4) [redacted] the firing practice was conducted by troops of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The Arnim area is known as a training area of components of this division.

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